

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-131

March 5, 2001

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Proposed Revisions to Optional Targeted
Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral
Energy Service (DDR)

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, we approve Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's or the Company's) proposed revisions to its Optional Targeted Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral Energy Service (DDR) but do not make any finding regarding the reasonableness of the changes to the rate schedule.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On February 16, 2001, CMP filed with this Commission proposed revisions to its Optional Targeted Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral Energy Service (DDR). Pursuant to Attachment 6 approved by Commission Order dated November 16, 2000 in Docket No. 99-666, rate schedules with sunset dates no longer than one year beyond the remaining term of the Alternative Rate Plan that provide revenues sufficiently in excess of the Company's marginal cost floors go into effect automatically 30 days after being filed. The proposed changes to the rate schedule meet the criteria for becoming effective automatically. However, CMP has requested that the proposed rate schedule changes become effective March 1, 2000, prior to the expiration of the 30-day period. Such an action requires Commission approval. Further, CMP has requested that the Commission make a finding that the proposed revisions are prudent.

We have reviewed the proposed rate schedule revisions and find that there is no significant risk to CMP's other customers as a result of them. Therefore, we will allow the changes to be effective as of March 1, 2001 as requested by the Company. However, we do not have adequate information, at this time, to find that the proposed changes are prudent. We will revisit this issue, though, if CMP provides information subsequent to issuance of this Order that demonstrates the reasonableness of the changes.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That Page 135.00, Seventh Revision and Page 135.10, Tenth Revision to Optional Targeted Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral Energy Service (DDR), filed by Central Maine Power Company on February 16, 2001, may be effective as of March 1, 2001, as requested by the Company.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 5th day of March, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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